capable of launching 4 ton satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit during 11th Five Year Plan period.

**Status report on Central projects**

2357. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any status report as to the Central projects which are presently being implemented by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases which have reported time and cost overrun togetherwith details thereof, project-wise;

(d) whether any reasons have been identified for the time and cost overrun and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the preventive and remedial steps contemplated in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) The requisite information is available in the Quarterly Project Implementation Status Report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, which has been placed in the Library of the Parliament.

(d) The reasons for time and cost overrun vary from project to project and include delays in land acquisition, award of contracts and supply of equipment, change in scope of the project, geo-mining problems, lack of infrastructure and fund constraints.

(e) The preventive and remedial steps taken to remove constraints are as follows:

(i) review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government;

(ii) in-depth critical review of the progress by the project authorities and the Administrative Ministries, alongwith follow up with the State Governments (for acquisition of

land, rehabilitation related issues, expediting of forest clearances and provision of infrastructure facilities like water and power, ensuring law and order at project sites, etc.), consultants and other agencies;

(iii) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries concerned for resolution of problems;

(iv) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving problems of inter ministerial nature;

(v) provision of matching funds in the annual budget on the basis of updated costs to facilitate the completion of the projects in advanced stages of implementation; and

(vi) High level reviews, including reviews by the Minister-in-charge.

**Speeding up on Central projects**

2358. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1040 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of the measures proposed to speed up Central projects; and

(b) the measures proposed for speedy acquisition of land for the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The measures taken to speed up implementation of Central Sector projects include:

(i) review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government to identify the constraints and to resolve the problems affecting the implementation of projects;